on poor/informal sector. It reveals that in 2004-2005, out of India's total workforce of 457.5 million, 92% or 422.6 million worked in unorganized economy *i.e.* informal sector. In case of gender break-up, the figure was 90.7% for male and 95.9% for female workforce respectively.

(d) and (e) The India Urban Poverty Report 2009, launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, critically analyses the gender dimension of urban poverty in one of its chapters. The report says that women in urban areas are affected due to poverty as well as gender discriminations. The analysis made in the chapter, based on data over 1993-1994 and 2004-2005, emphasizes the need for a specific focus on urban poor women, given the increasing incidence of poverty in terms of absolute numbers of poor women and their high compound growth rate. Further the Head Count Ratio (HCR) of poverty among female headed households is higher in urban areas when compared to male headed householders.

With regard to the schemes targeting women urban poor, the Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP) component of the revamped Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) targets the urban poor women for assistance in setting up group enterprises as well as support in the form of revolving fund for Self-help groups/Thrift and Credit Societies for meeting their micro-credit needs. Also 30% of the beneficiaries under the Urban Self Employment Programme (targeting individual urban poor for setting up micro-enterprises) and Skill training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP) components of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) must be women.

Slums in metropolitan cities

†2174. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of slums present in the metropolitan and big cities has been assessed;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) this number five years ago and what would be their number after five years; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Urban development/slum being a State subject, it is upto concerned States/cities to assess the details regarding the number of slums in metropolitan cities and big cities of the country. No such assessment about the number of slums is available with this Ministry. Data on the number of slums and other relevant details are maintained by respective States/Municipal Authorities.

Urban wage employment programme

2175. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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